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5 Similarly the method also comprises providing a second interface to the
protected storage medium to enable an operating system present software
program access to the protected storage medium. In one embodiment, the
method comprises enabling a pre-operating system software program to pass
information to and receive information from an operating system present
10 software program or another pre-operating system software program by
accessing a protected storage medium via the first interface. In another
embodiment, the method comprises enabling an operating system present
software program to pass information to and receive information from a pre-
operating system software program or another operating system present
15 software program by accessing the protected storage medium via the second
interface. The method may be implemented on any personal computing
device.